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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LON NOL TO PRESIDENT NIXON RE-
GARDING THE GKR'S STRATEGY AT THE UN

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE HANDWRITTEN DRAFT OF A LETTER BY MARSHAL LON NOL TO PRESIDENT NIXON CONCERNING UN STRATEGY ON THE CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS ISSUE. PRESIDENT LON NOL ASKED US TO TELEGRAPH THIS MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE LETTER WILL BE TYPED LATER BY THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT:

ON LEARNING THE DETAILS OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS REQUESTING SUPPLEMENTARY MILITARY AID FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC ALONG WITH THAT FOR ISRAEL, I WAS PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY YOUR DETERMINATION TO ASSIST THE KHMER REPUBLIC AS AN IMPORTANT BASIS FOR TRUE PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

EXCELLENCY, IN THE NAME OF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE I THANK YOU. I AM MAKING
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EVERY EFFORT SO THAT WE MIGHT REMAIN WORTHY OF THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR FRIENDS.

CONCERNING OUR SITUATION AT THE UN, I TAKE THE LIBERTY

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TO REQUEST ACTION ON YOUR PART BY PROPOSING THE
FOLLOWING TACTICS:

A. THROUGH OUR EFFORTS AND BECAUSE OF THE DISSOLUTENESS
OF GRUNK, HOWEVER TEMPORARY IT MAY BE, HAVE THE KHMER
PROBLEM INSCRIBED AS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

2. BECUASE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION AND
PRESENCE ON KHMER SOIL (THE AGGRESSION IS CONTINUING),
AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT THE KHMER REPUBLIC IS A MEMBER
OF THE UN LIKE ISRAEL AND THAT THE KHMER REPUBLIC IS OPENLY
AGRESSED AGAINST BY THE INDOCHINESE COMMUNIST FRONT
FORMED IN PEKING IN 1970, I PROPOSE THAT AS IN THE CASE
OF ISRAEL THE CASE OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC BE SUBMITTED TO
THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE CAN ASK THE ASPAC AND ASEAN
COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT US BECAUSE IT IS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST.

3. PERSUADE THE USSR, WHICH IN FACT CONTINUES TO
RECOGNIZE US, TO ABSTAIN.

4. PERSUADE INDIA AND BURMA TO VOTE IN OUR FAVOR.

5. CONVINCE THE 17 UNDECIDED COUNTRIES TO VOTE FOR
US.

6. IN LIAISON WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS
JAPAN ARRANGE FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE CHINESE POSITION
IN PRINCIPLE TO BE ABSENT AT THE TIME OF VOTING.

THESE IDEAS ARE PUT FORTH IN THE HOPE OF AVOIDING
FURTHER COMPLICATIONS OF THE SITUATION IN THIS CORNER OF
THE WORLD. I ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY TO EXCUSE ME IF THEY
ARE TOO MUCH BUT IN THE NAME OF MY COUNTRY I AM
DEPENDING UPON YOU. I ASK YOU TO ACCEPT IN ADVANCE MY
MOST PROFOUND GRATITUDE AS WELL AS THE ASSURANCE OF MY
HIGHEST ESTEEM. END TEXT.

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3. DRAWING ON USUN AND DEPARTMENT CABLES WE HAVE
COMMENTED TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CHHAN SOKHUM ON
EACH OF LON NOL'S POINTS, CONCLUDING THAT THE BEST PLACE
TO DISCUSS THEM IS IN NEW YORK BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS.
ENDERS

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